

35 U.S.C. §371. The entire contents of both of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of the Applications Nos. JP 9-98433 and JP 9-366764, filed in Japan on March 31, 1997 and December 26, 1997, respectively. ---

REMARKS

The Examiner is again respectfully requested to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed concurrently with this application.

This paper is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on November 18, 2002. The Cross-Reference to Related Applications in the specification has been updated to reflect that the parent application has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,448,243.

Applicants confirm that in response to the Examiner's telephonic requirement for election of species, they have elected the species of Example 267. The Examiner has kindly indicated that "Claims readable on the elected species are 1-19". Office Action, page 3, 3rd-4th lines.

The only rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action is a rejection of claims 1-13 over claims 1-19 of US 6,448,243 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer, which obviates this, the sole ground of rejection in the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, he is

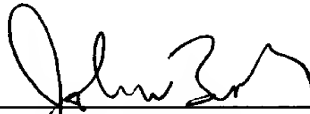
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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